

Ethical questions multiply in time

By Dr. Rob Young

Ethical questions related to day-to-day medical practice have multiplied in number and increased in complexity in the last three decades. There are many reasons, one of the major ones being the explosive growth of medical science and its accomplishments.

In earlier years, except for a minuscule number, abortions were just not done within the medical system. The procedure was against the law, period. Lay and renegade physician abortionists knew where they stood.

Treatment of miners without parental consent was seldom a problem; there were few instances when secrecy was required. Now, with underage girls wanting the pill and 15-year-olds

needing V.D. treatment, there are secrets, and the doctor may have an ethical problem.

The grossly premature child or newborn arriving with a host of terrible congenital abnormalities were undoubtedly a problem 80 years ago, but in general not for long. Now many survive and in most instances this is good; but some survive only to face a lifetime of misery, a lifetime in itself likely to be prolonged by repeated intervention of "good" medical care.

Further along life's path doctors are faced with decisions affecting adults with diseases that can only be treated by continuous and expensive high tech methods, with no hope of cure. This decision was not required of earlier doctors, as the skills and equipment did not exist.

No one had to agonize about "pulling the plug" on the life-support machine when neither the plug nor the machine was there.

Now there is talk of "going in" the other folk. Starving has been suggested as an efficient, cheap method. Shades of Auschwitz.

Ethical standards, when designed to define right from wrong, should be the foundation of any profession, group or government. They can be expected to change as time passes. What is worrisome is the increasingly perceived indifference of considerations of "cost" and "expense" in determining what is ethical.

Attempting to save money or reduce costs by promoting or suggesting a lowering of ethical responsibilities is, in itself, unethical.



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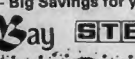
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Voters give town present

An overwhelming majority of taxpayers voted in favour of constructing an indoor swimming pool during Thursday's plebiscite.

Out of an estimated 2,000 eligible voters 517 voted yes and 146 voted no.

"The turnout was very respectable," said Dennis Woolley, recreation director.

"I think we had a fairly good turnout in the sense people thought it was an issue and were prepared to vote their opinion," he added.

The four-lane, 25-metre swimming pool is scheduled to be in operation by Christmas time 1984, said Woolley.

Until that time the recreation department plans to keep along with the 21-year-old outdoor pool even though the facility needs extensive repairs.

The recreation department is presently determining how long the pool will operate in 1986, he said.

Woolley speculated the pool will not operate as long as in 1983 but will run at least two months.

If the plebiscite had not been passed the town was faced with spending over \$20,000 to repair the outdoor pool.

The facility will contain "Olympic" equipment when it comes to baskets, filtering systems and the basics required to run the pool, said Woolley. The town will have an opportunity to add on luxuries including such things as whirlpool, sauna, ceramic tiles, a multi-purpose room and others in \$100,000 packages.

The projected schedule of construction as outlined by Camree Facility Consultants Ltd. of Edmonton estimates construction would start in the middle of April, 1984, and be completed Nov. 30 with the start of operation the middle of December, 1984.

"I was a little bit surprised at the landslide difference," said Glen Hansen, one of the organizers of the Neptune Swim Club.

The Neptune Swim Club is one of the largest organized users of the present facility. They use approximately seven per cent of the time capacity of the present pool.

"The club would have liked a bigger pool but is pleased with what will be built, said Hansen.

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Merry Christmas!

Triana Cury, Grade 2 Eldorado student, smiles as Santa Claus gives her a candy cane. A teachers' staff meeting Wednesday allowed Triana to get out of school early to watch one of her siblings receive a present from old Saint Nick at the Drayton Valley Playchool. (photo by Jack Macmillan)

Parkland teachers accept two-year contract

By Lisa Lewis

Teachers in the North Central West Area voted Thursday in favor of accepting a memorandum of agreement with the school association.

The North Central West Area includes the County of Parkland which employs more than half the teachers involved with the contract talks.

The agreement, which was accepted by 81.5 per cent of the teachers, called for a two-year contract.

Ernie Climborg, a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association negotiating team, said the two-year contract is only the third one in the

province. Most 1983 contracts are for one year only.

The Kikiasak School vice-principal said teachers "weren't elated" with the contract, which offers the third-lowest percentage increase in the province.

"It wasn't what we wanted, but it was a question of how much further negotiations would have taken us," he said.

Although teachers will receive a total percentage increase of five per cent in 1983, the actual cost to the board is only three and one-third per cent.

Climborg said the teachers will receive a 2.5 per cent increase retroactive to Jan. 1, 1983 and a further 2.5 per cent increase in September, 1983.

The contract also calls for an increase of 1.5 per cent Jan. 1, 1984 and a half a per cent increase the following September.

The 1984 increase, although it "sounds" like two per cent, actually costs the school boards only two-thirds per cent.

The 1,100 teachers in the North Central West Area wanted an increase of three per cent for the first six months of 1983 and a two per cent increase for the last six months with another two per cent in 1984.

Climborg said the average 1983 increase of teachers in Alberta is close to four per cent.

He added the 10 boards involved with the negotiations have also voted to sign the agreement.

Kidnapped kids come home

THE LITTLE DARLINGS ARE SAFE AND SOUND.

After a grueling, almost 10-day ordeal at the mercy of the dangerous Drayton Valley Kidnapper Gang, the Cabbage Patch Kid orphans were found almost frozen to death on the steps of a local resident's residence.

"Upon his return from a social outing Laurie Thackston discovered the plastic embroiled victims on his back doorstep at 8 a.m.

He immediately telephoned his good friend Alex Blais the next morning to inform him of the discovery.

"Shock," was Blais' reaction. "We were afraid they froze to death in the garbage bags."

Cabbage Patch Kid up for Santa's Anonymous raffie

While the Cabbage Patch Kid doll craze has swept North America with some strange results there is still room for the Christmas spirit in Drayton Valley.

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Returned cold, but unharmed. But no marks from the tape and rope could be found on the young kidnapees.

The dolls had been abandoned with Blais' hardware store and a ransom note was turned over. The Western Review shortly after. Certain demands were made of the goodwills to which he complied and a subsequent note was delivered to his premises.

Since it was last by this reporter not long afterwards the exact nature of its contents will remain unknown, but Blais followed through with the main demand of dressing in a Santa Claus costume and taking donations on main street for Santa's Anonymous.

Braving subzero temperatures he travelled the streets canvassing with his little pot. A generous public contributed \$134.55 which was then turned over to Royal Canadian Legion member and Santa's Anonymous Co-ordinator L.D. Thompson.

SHU no sign of Wilkins. At this point the Blais and Hissaghe (the Blais) were to send one doll to Mrs. Amy Blais' niece in Swift Current, Sask. and young Trina Hissaghe was to receive the other Cabbage Patcher! Families still had only their hopes to go on.

"I'm relieved that it's all over — the stress was almost too much to bear," said Amy Blais after the school schedule was finished and her niece's doll ready for shipping.

However, she did comment about the dinner which was part of the first ransom note. Her husband had to take her out for an evening to prove that he still loved her and the kids. "It was really nice," she admitted. "They can do that again next year."

But the file still remains open on RCMP file 83-4168. "We have previous title to go on — all physical evidence is undergoing lab analysis to



Alex Blais and his helper, Trina Hissaghe, are grateful for Terah Rosalind's contribution to Santa's Anonymous. (Photo by Stuart Adams)

pleasure every shred of information," said Cpl. Chris Lee.

"Of course we are duly happy that the children were returned, but we appeal to the public for assistance in bringing these criminals to justice."

While Lee said his investigative team is close to proceeding with charges they "strongly believe" that if the subjects were prosecuted they might get off under the provisions of Section 162 of the Criminal Code.

He added that the RCMP were extremely impressed by the professionalism of the perpetrators and the fact that they left few clues.

Audience gives chorallers standing ovation

When the performance was over, the audience rose without hesitation in a standing ovation.

A well-deserved tribute to the 28 chorallers who sang for A Story of Christmas Sunday at H.W. Pickay Junior High School.

And rightly so, the chorallers, their director, pianist and narrator beamed with pride at the recognition of their work which has taken three months to perfect.

The members of the community churches in Drayton Valley went through renditions of O Come All Ye Faithful, First Noel and Joy to the World, filling the school gymnasium with rich, full voices that seemed to mesmerize young and old alike.

The Story of Christmas was a four-part, combined harmony and narrative about the birth of Christ.

As narrator Gary Mathews told the audience of Mary and Joseph, King Herod and his three wise men, the Star of Bethlehem and of course, a small child in a manger, the choir added the songs of Christmas.

Under the direction and leadership of Marvyn Klassen, the non-denominational group started last October at the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Christmas cantata was written by John W. Petersen.



The non-denominational choir at Sunday's A Story of Christmas. [photo by Phil Courtenay]

Assistants ask for New Year's baby gifts

The Alberta Association of Registered Nurses Assistants is again asking her donations toward its annual New Year's Baby Layette.

"We merchants and business as well as private citizens are encouraged to participate in

the annual layette which is awarded to the first baby born in the new year.

Gifts are asked to be dropped off at the Drayton Valley General Hospital and will be

displayed in the window of Starr Furniture organizers say.

Up to 70 items have been donated in the past, including everything from a crib to a silver cup. Last year, Marie Cornelius said, donors really out did themselves making the 1983 layette one of the best the nurses assistants have sponsored.

In the future, the layette organizers are considering using the cash donated to set up a trust fund for the baby when it gets older, Cornelius said.

This year, up to 15 mothers are due about the right time and could be in the running for the layette, which is a switch from recent years where the gifts have gone largely unacknowledged.

It has been five years since the New Year's baby has come down to the wire, Cornelius said. In past, we've had mothers go into labor around the same time and in other years we've had to wait nine days before a baby was born.

Rules for the layette are the first baby born after midnight Dec. 31, 1983, must be born in the Drayton Valley hospital, the parents must agree to local advertising and must live in the area.

Pool —

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With the new year-round facility the club will have to re-evaluate whether or not they want to continue being a summer club.

To compete against the winter clubs the Neptune would be facing some of the best swimmers in Alberta, said Hansen.

A summer club cannot have a practice before May 1 and must complete training by Sept. 1, whereas a winter club competes all year long, he explained.



Margaret Hansen (right) and Donna-MacQuig (left) look on. (Photo by Stuart Adams)

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Opinions

You can do something special

The favorite story at The Western Review this Christmas has been the Cabbage Patch Kid kidnapping.

When you have an original story to take after that is fun while at the same time serving a purpose in the community then the job becomes much easier.

And in the case of this particular crime the end somehow justified the means. Santa's Anonymous is hurting this year

and there are almost three times as many needy families as last year. The economy hasn't bounced back as predicted by Peter Loughhead when he visited us 16 months ago.

Yet in the midst of these difficulties there seems to be a mania for these almost silly dolls. Possession of one of them has driven a number of city Christmas shoppers to ridiculous extremes.

What we should be looking at behind the humor of the kidnapping joke is that there

was something to offer someone else less fortunate than ourselves.

While the Cabbage Patch kidnapping was taking place and everyone was having a good laugh lets hope no one forgets the fact that there are children and entire families in our community who will have much less than a Cabbage Patch doll for Christmas.

You can still have your Cabbage Patch doll and eat it too. All you have to do is contribute your toy to Santa's Anonymous at the Valley IDA drug store to enter the raffle.

Town council deserves credit and caution

Town council's (and in particular Mayor Mayhew's) efforts to draw the community into their governmental processes should receive praise but for one problem.

You can't solicit a specific segment of the public to advise you on important issues without extending the same invitation to the rest of the community.

If we are to be governed as a democracy then everyone should have the opportunity to express their opinions. Those opinions should also be heard in an open forum when called for by our elected body.

While some people may

have difficulty speaking comfortably in front of the media the media should not be included to keep the public informed.

Anything anyone has to say which they feel uncomfortable saying in public can be said over a cup of coffee at a later time. A group of some 20 individuals does not necessarily reflect the feelings or wishes of the entire community.

We have a right to be kept informed as to what information council receives from any group prior to taking any actions.

We believe the intentions of the meeting were commendable, but the judgment in carrying them out was lacking.



"Can anyone tell me where I drop off these overdue books?"

Someone out there has the Christmas spirit

Somewhere out there in Drayton Valley is a young lady who deserves a special Christmas thank you. She doesn't want her name used, but I want to write about her anyway.

Two years ago I was with The Grizzly Gazette in Swan Hills and did a story on a little boy with a blood disease who collects hats and stickers.

He goes into Edmonton's University Hospital regularly for painful blood transfusions and has become a favorite with the staff and a number of other people (myself included) who add to his collections whenever they get the chance.

Editor's Notes

I still send off a hat when I get one and last year mailed Boots and Coots and Wild West Control stickers to him.

This summer I met our nameless young lady briefly. All I can recall is that she was writing Red Adair for some hats and I gave her some Boots and Coots stickers on the

condition that she give me a Red Adair hat to send to DeLaney.

I forgot about her until Friday when she called me at the office.

Red Adair hats are red with gold "scrambled egg" and a rectangular crest with a flaming drilling rig in full color.

She sent him the letter and it was the only hat she received.

DeLaney's father works for Home Oil in the Hills and that afternoon the hat was in their local office and on its way in time for Christmas.

Your Comment

What penalty should impaired drivers receive?



John Jacobs

As high as possible. Jail terms. It seems money sentences don't work.

Ahmed Hamdan

I think the penalties they have now are strong enough. It's pretty hard losing your license plus the insurance as it is now.

Colin Carr

The new laws the government is trying to get through are a good idea. A year loss of their license for a first offense is pretty tough.

Edwin Tatum

Their licenses should be taken away from them for a year, no less. If they're caught again I don't know what I would do with them.

Any Washer

Should be penalized with heavier fines.

Ace in grumpy mood

Pool tax increase a violation

(Editor's note: Unfortunately we made a mistake last week by allowing Ace's unexcused offering to slip into print with a regrettable error. Drayton Valley Town Councillor Howard Olson was referred to as "Howard Olson", something for which we apologize because we believe in this case it was a violation.)

Hi-de-ho noodniks, and how upset are you? Because Ace is fit to be tied.

First off he catches hell from the editor-bunches about one, easy-teeny, they mistake about a town councillor's name, and now that damned swimming pool is going to be built.

These town councillors must be happy as hell. Now they can strut and say, "Boy, we sure did a good job of keeping those irresponsible renters out of the town coffers."

Obviously they were right to go to all the trouble to hold an expensive plebiscite just to demonstrate to the taxpayers that four out of five of them want a pool after all.

(Ace thinks it noteworthy that if council had held its collective act together the taxpayers could



Ace's View from the water tower

have been saved most of that money by putting the plebiscite question on the October election ballot.

(But then again it wouldn't have been as obvious that the taxpayers want a swimming pool.)

Sheesh, talk about having your finger on the pulse of the community. They don't know if we're dead or alive out here.

It doesn't help that they held their pre-council meetings Wednesday nights (where all the good stuff gets settled) and then they invite the public in Thursday mornings to watch them rubberstamp and half and puff their stuff.

But when you have your finger on the pulse of the community the way they do you realize that

Notley up to tricks

MLA disagrees

Dear Editor: The leader of the opposition, Grant Notley, had a letter in your newspaper on Nov. 30 discussing the vote of Nov. 31 on Bill 100, The Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act. He said in that letter that not one government member rose during the debate. I would like to refer to the Hansard of Nov. 31 where both Keith Alexander and I also entered the debate. Either the leader of the opposition has a very short memory, or chooses to ignore the facts—which isn't unusual.

Copy of the Hansard can be obtained from the Legislative Assembly, Edmonton. Such as out-and-about of the facts needs correction.

Yours truly,
Shirley Cripps, M.L.A.
Drayton Valley Constituency

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it's up to the taxpayers to make the decision on whether or not to go out and earn a living instead of sitting in on the Thursday morning sessions.

Mind you, none of this means anything to Ace — he doesn't get to vote, of course. The ruling has something to do with being able to prove you're human and own land in town. Well, some of these noodniks on town council may have trouble proving they're human — or at least that they've got a heart — but Ace has his knickers in a twist because he had no say about whether or not rent should go up.

Hi! You didn't know that Ace pays rent, did you? He sure as hell does, and if you don't think the rent on a water tower goes up when taxes go up just ask your favorite renter. You betcha it does.

Being a little thick between the feathers he has difficulty modifying the situation to anyone's advantage other than town council's.

The way he sees it is that by playing up to the landlords and ignoring the renters those boys think they can do any old thing they want just by saying "We represent the people who put up the money." Our taxpayers.

What this does is alienate the renters to the point where they have to either buy property or leave town. Who wants to live somewhere where they're classed as second-class citizens?

This gets rid of all the town's second-class citizens and then the councillors can say Drayton Valley is full of first-class citizens.

Like putting in parking meters in the hospital some town council form a hospital ureter, they don't miss a trick! They can point to their record of serving in the taxpayers' best interests.

If you're a taxpayer and you're not sure if there wasn't some way over the last two or three years that town council would have figured out that they would have been further ahead to hold the plebiscite Oct. 17 instead of Dec. 1st that's planning for you.

And if you're a grand gas yourself where the 4, 5 or 6 thousand dollars a year you pay is not gone!

But if you look at the reader's digest what you see is a bottom line that says town council is going to do exactly what it wants. We're all second-class citizens who have to make the taxpayers or lower renters.

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Leduc teachers reject board's wage offer

By David Hestley

With less than two days remaining before a vote is held, county and city public teachers Monday voted to reject the latest contract offer from the school board.

About 70 per cent of teachers attending a general meeting Monday night voted down the 3.05 per cent salary increase offered by the county board for 1984.

Only hours before, teacher negotiators bargaining with the board dropped their salary request to a 4.35 per cent pay raise, from an earlier request of five per cent.

Unless new offers are put on the table, teachers across the county and city will be voting on the same \$3.05 per cent offer Wednesday. Pulling was expected to take place on each school during soon hours.

An estimated 79 per cent of about 600 teachers in the public systems sided the meeting Monday.

School board negotiating chairman Norman Bittner said Tuesday

the board is offering all the money it can without going into a deficit budget position for 1983.

"I think the board has made a sound decision based on the feedback I personally am getting from our taxpayers," he said.

Bittner said both sides "are doing what they feel is right" in the stalemate. But he added the increase requested by the teachers is unreasonable and "not even humanitarian, in my opinion in view of the poor economy."

Bill Anderson, Alberta Teachers' Association bargaining agent, pointed out teachers lowered their salary request during the bargaining session Monday.

"The board chose not to respond to it at all. In fact, they weren't prepared to talk to us so we went home," he said.

Anderson said county teachers have been offered one of the lowest settlements in the province, and the County is the only major board with an outstanding contract.

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Meeting meant to advise council

By Jack Morrison and Stuart Adams
Mayor Bob Mayhew has initiated a new approach in gauging the views of Drayton Valley residents on a number of local concerns.

A closed-door meeting involving approximately 30 local businessmen was conducted by town council Wednesday to address such matters as downtown parking meters, downtown parking in general, the town's land holdings as well as topics from the floor.

Approximately 27 businessmen were contacted up to a month before the meeting was scheduled. An open invitation to Drayton Valley residents and the press was not considered.

"It was not a public meeting. It had nothing to do with public affairs," said Mayor Bob Mayhew, planner of the meeting.

The press was not invited "merely because it was more or less a discussion meeting not like an accident or a major piece of legislation being handed down," said Bill Pankle, councillor.

Councillor Tom McGee, the only councillor who did not attend the meeting because of a prior

engagement, said the fact the meeting was not public bothered him.

"Hand-picked people I'm not crazy about," said McGee, voicing his personal opinion.

McGee plans on bringing the issues up during town council's meeting tomorrow.

The purpose of the meeting, according to several of the participants contacted, was a productive informational session which "let them know what the town was up to."

Issues posed to the group included: What can the town do to promote, sell or lease the Tucker property? How can the town dispose of 70 single family lots and 10 duplex lots to generate cash? Is parking a problem in the downtown area? Is the downtown media really a concern with the people or downtown merchants?

Mayhew likened the meeting to that of sitting down with someone over a cup of coffee and talking about what they want to talk about.

The feedback he received during the meeting will go into the thinking process of council, said Mayhew.

Mayhew maintains he has an open door policy where anyone who is a resident of the town at any time may contact him to discuss anything they think is of interest. Those people will receive the same treatment the people get who attended the meeting Wednesday, he added.

Mayhew and Olsen both hope to conduct more meetings of a similar nature in the future. Pankle and Olsen said they would like to have informal sessions with other groups.

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Writer's ethics questioned

City reporter grilled by board

By Jack Morrison

An Edmonton Journal environmental reporter had to defend his professional integrity and accusations on unethical reporting last week during the Lodgepole blowout inquiry.

Reporter Ed Strunk explained to the inquiry board Thursday afternoon he tried to present both sides of the contentious health issue surrounding hydrogen sulphide emitted from the Amoco Dome Steamers well for 60 days.

While Strunk called what he did "balanced reporting," inquiry board lawyer Raymond Schachter charged he violated his journalistic ethics by not reporting complete information on Occupational Health and Safety standards in Alberta.

"You have to present two sides of the story and quite often the point is that they play off each other," Strunk said, adding one side was saying there were harmful effects coming from hydrogen sulphide and another saying there weren't.

"Did you feel that it was worthwhile telling your readers that Occupational Health and Safety considered 10 parts per million for eight hours per day safe in a working environment and that Edmonton and Drayton Valley were not getting any sort of readings near that?" posed Schachter.

Both pieces of information were in the paper, replied Strunk, adding he was not sure whether they appeared together.

"In order to give people in Edmonton a fair shake and to create, to report in accordance with the ethics you have agreed upon, it is necessary to report on important information in a full and complete way."

"And I am suggesting to you, sir, that the Occupational Health and Safety standards in Alberta and throughout the world are at the least of some importance in relation to the emissions that

were being emitted by people in Edmonton," asked Schachter, continuing his barrage on Strunk.

"I disagree with you," replied Strunk.

Strunk was assigned to cover the blowout full-time near the end of October because of the volume of complaints received by The Journal and a variety of institutions in Edmonton.

Friday, Allan McLarty, Amoco lawyer, questioned Strunk on a story he wrote Nov. 25, 1982 after riding in an air monitoring vehicle near Lodgepole.

McLarty wondered if the account was intentionally written as an "aerie science fiction story."

Strunk called the evening ride strange. "Here we were chasing the cloud around and we couldn't get a handle on it. It was so evening where we would drive down the road and find nothing and then two minutes later we would come back and find levels of three or four ppm."

Quoting from the story, McLarty asked if he intended a line as a dramatic effect.

"No, I think that is a fact," he said, referring to the line "but instead of stalling the cloud, the cloud seemed to be stalling us."

Earlier in the week the inquiry heard from the Department of Agriculture, Alberta Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, Workers' Health, Safety and Occupation and the president of Amoco Canada Petroleum Company, Norman Ruback.

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Recreation

Junior Amazons lose heartbreaker 40-39



The Junior Amazons were stringent on defence throughout Saturday's tournament final. (photo by Phil Courville)

Despite an early lead and a tough offensive first half, the Frank Maddock Junior Amazons lost a heartbreaking final to the Barrhead Griffins in the school's first basketball tournament this season.

The Amazons took a 10 point lead in the first half, but felt the pressure from an older, more experienced senior Barrhead team which managed a successful comeback late in the game.

The Junior Warriors, however, had little success at the sixteen team tournament losing an embarrassing game to the senior Grand Trunk Griffins and a tough rout by the Devon Wildcats. The Evansburg Griffins' went on to the tournament final before losing to the Griffins' senior boys' team 60-50.

The big surprise of the tournament was the Amazons, who came on strong, defeating a senior Evansburg team 28-19 and a Devon junior squad 42-19 in round robin play before meeting the Griffins in the final game.

To the dismay of the Griffins, the Amazons controlled the court throughout the first half and early third quarter.

But as the game wore on, the Griffins' experience showed through to outlast the Amazons at last.

The Barrhead team pressed and contained the Amazons in their own half of the court most of the fourth quarter, effectively straying the Frank Maddock offense, while slowly chipping away at the point spread.

The game came down to the wire with only a one point difference remaining between the two teams, but the Amazons couldn't muster the needed points.

Captain Dave Schweindt was all smiles about the game and overall tournament play regardless of the loss.

Some of the girls were skeptical about playing Barrhead, Schweindt said, skeptical about their ability especially after seeing the Griffins' team at Thompson High School.

If we wouldn't have had gas in the late going we could've continued with our press in the second half, which worked quite effectively early on.

Schweindt added the Amazons used a full-court press with two minutes remaining, and would've started it early but the team ran into foul difficulties.

The Junior Warriors had little success in the two-day tournament, losing 106 to 8 to a bigger, tougher and more experienced Evansburg team who continued pressing the club all game.

Evansburg went on to beat the Devon Wildcats 62-54 before meeting the Barrhead senior boys' team in Saturday's final, where they lost 40-31.

Goaltender stymies Parkland

With a hot goaltender and a tough defence, the Lacombe Flyers were able to shut the Parkland Operations Bantam C team down Sunday.

Although Parkland trailed throughout the game, it was the Flyers' Kelly Barlow who kept the local team off the scoreboard and was instrumental in the 7-2 win.

But Parkland's loss was not for a lack of trying, as they pounded the small netminder throughout the second and third periods—once with a two-man advantage—but couldn't put one in the net.

"You can't take anything away from them (the Flyers)," Parkland Coach Jim Johnson said. "They played a good game."

"Our guys just didn't play hard enough," he added.

While the game was the second

league meeting between the two teams, it was the third game this year. Parkland has won one exhibition and split a league game with the Flyers.

Lacombe opened the scoring with three goals in the first and a fourth in the second period before Parkland came up with two from leftwinger Davey Carpenter and Jody Smith.

But that's all the goals Parkland could manage on the Flyers who stamped the team through the remaining 40 minutes.

Even with a rash of penalties late in the second and into the third period, Parkland couldn't find the netting behind the Flyer goalie.

Lacombe scored once more in the second and then twice in the third to finish the scoring.



Parkland had problems with the Flyers' hot goaltender. (photo by Phil Courville)

Bades lacking in Cardinal wins

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The Hinton Cardinals came to town with both, won, and left the Drayton Valley Blades in their wake.

It was simple; it was effective.
The Blades fell in the starting block Friday's to an 11-2 rout and although they regained much of their composure and spirit Saturday, the local Junior B club was left facing a 5-2 loss, with both games before moderate wind, but highly tempered crowds.

On Saturday, as things started to look like an upset in the making, the Blades lost top centre Cassidy Dunham and defenceman Dwayne Parvaneau to game misconducts which hampered the team and forced offensive and defensive readjustments.

The Cardinals came out Friday with a new offensive and defensive look — not forgetting a red-hot goaltender — that had the Blades stumbling from the outset, looking as poor as at any point in the season.

In Friday's game, the Blades simply didn't play the same level as their own closest rivals, not sitting unmoved with perhaps the best winning record in the Central Alberta Hockey League Division at 1-5.

"Under the circumstances," assistant coach Lorne Poulin said, "we did reasonably well. Despite the scores, we didn't butcher either night."

"They showed a different offense; a different style than teams usually show and we had to adapt. And, quite frankly, Poulin said: "Their goalie killed us both nights."

On "new night" the Cardinals showed deals with their breakout patterns and defense, Poulin explained. With the pattern, the Cardinals would either bounce the ball off the boards across the blue line or pass it straight up the middle.

In both cases, Hinton would have men cherry-picking the blue line, waiting for the long pass. "Either they got the break-away or too the puck," Poulin said.



The Blades had a tough time with the Hinton Cardinals.

It took a lot of self-discipline for us to adjust to their style, the assistant coach added, we really had to re-adjust. It was strictly self-discipline. On Saturday, it was back to the basics, again, to Poulin.

When the big teams like Montreal lose one game, it's back to the basics the next, he said.

And to a point, things were working. The Blades were up on the Cardinals 2-0 with only minutes left in the first period when Dunham and Parvaneau were ejected from the game. The two loudly, and aggressively got involved in a dispute

dispute Friday night Saturday night. (photo by Phil Courtenay)

over a slashing penalty handed out to teammate Ken Baird. The referee was in no mood to argue and handed the pair game misconducts.

In essence, the Blades lost their top guys and felt the absence. Although the team was aggressive throughout the remaining 40 minutes, the Cardinals held them scoreless.

When something like that happens, Poulin said, a team can't let their top guys go with the rest of the team and still play well, but when you lose a talent like (Dunham) you lose that edge.

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Senior basketballers plagued by injuries

While the junior Amazons were amassing the home crowd with a good effort during Saturday's tournament in Drayton Valley, their senior counterparts were struggling in St. Albert.

Faced with stiff competition from schools across the northern part of the province, the senior Amazons and Warriors both finished with 1-2 records.

The Amazons managed a solid win their first time out, but after an injury early in the second game, had problems with their next two opponents.

The Warriors, meanwhile, dropped their first but came back to win their second game, but lost again in their third and final match.

Despite the losses, Amazon coach Ken Cameron was only pleased with his team's performance, describing the tournament as a valuable learning experience.

"Very impressed with the effort. We were able to try different approaches and modify things on offense and defense with the things we came up against. We found out what the girls could do and how they can go on from here."

The Amazons opened their tournament with a 36-20 win over Vegreville. The next score, however, was not indicative of the level of play Cameron said.

It was 13-6 for us in the first few minutes of the game, he said, and I suppose it we could have made it 20 points but we started substitutions early on to have everyone playing.

From there, the Amazons met nothing but problems. With only eight players in attendance,

an injury in the second game reduced the team bench strength considerably.

Seven players are pretty tough to play against a good, tough team, Cameron said. St. Albert is well-coached and played well. We were simply outmatched and outplayed.

The Amazons lost 44-15.

Patience played the Frank Maddock senior girls in their third-place game where they lost to Brooks 44-29.

For Warrior coach Barry Swap, the tournament proved the team's bench strength and capabilities of its younger players.

The biggest thing we saw (Swap and brother Frank) was we can count on some of the guy's we weren't putting on before. We were surprised at the bench strength.

The rookies didn't do a bad job at all, he said. The Warriors took the first game on the chip, losing to Spruce Grove 62-20 then rebounded with a 22-point game from Murray Cardnoft to beat Meriville 57-42.

That placed the Warriors in the tournament's consolation final where they lost to the Deven Wildcats 80-55.

Bus situation resolved

The County of Parkland has ratified its transportation agreement with St. Anthony Elementary and Junior High School.

At its board meeting Tuesday, the county accepted a new proposal which now charges the Drayton Valley Catholic school by the number of students it buses, rather than a flat rate.

Under the new agreement St. Anthony will pay \$150 per Catholic student in its district transported by county buses.

Although a total cost is not yet known for the new transportation agreement it is estimated at \$7,360, Jean Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the Drayton Valley Roman Catholic Separate School Board District 111 said.

In the old agreement, she explained the school paid a flat rate of \$9,500 a year, of the equivalent of one 90-passenger bus to transport students.

Currently, she said, the county buses 48 students to St. Anthony.

The new agreement provides the district board must account for students within its boundaries, which includes Violet Grove and

Township Catholic schools, but not for students outside the area.

The reason for this, according to Anderson, is that the County would have to transport the students to Drayton Valley, regardless of whether they attended separate or public schools.

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• General Meeting First Tuesday of every month.

• Potluck Banquet Second Tuesday of every month.

• It is a new time for 1984. On the 1st of January and March before December 31, 1983.

• Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - second Tuesday of every month.

• Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - third Tuesday of every month.

• Royal Canadian Legion Children's Christmas Party, Sunday, December 17, 1983. The party will be held at the Legion.

• Christmas Dinner at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be held at the Legion.

• Entertainment in the Lounge. The entertainment will be held at the Legion.

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Santa safety improvements suggested

By Lois Peterson
Librarian

Some suggestions about improving the North Pole safety program are to

- establish a firm safety policy and safety committee to be chaired by Mr. S. Claus;
- conduct a survey by Health and Welfare Canada to check health of North Pole elves, with particular attention to fluctuating lighting, extreme temperature changes and slippery surfaces. At same time a dietary and nutritional analysis should be made regarding Mr. Claus' obesity;
- rubber protection should be added to Santa's sled. Seat and shoulder belt system should

be installed. Tail and frontal lighting is required; • strobes would help when entering high density air traffic areas. Navigation lights, turn and brake signals should be installed. Loads should be well secured;

• additional training should be provided and personal protective equipment should be used for safe entry into confined spaces such as chimneys;

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Local senior citizens receive federal grant

By Paul Courtenelle

Local senior citizens will receive federal monies to produce a presentation illustrating programs available to senior citizens lodges.

Members of the Shangkai Lodge will receive a grant of more than \$15,000 to produce the videotape film, intended as an educational and informational tool for other similar lodges and senior citizens homes.

Health and Welfare Canada approved the funding Dec. 9 through the New Horizons program which provides funding for a variety of groups across the country.

According to Shangkai's social club President Mabel Byers the film will centre around such activities as exercise programs and arts and crafts currently under way at the lodge.

The intent of the film is to help stimulate foundation and management boards as well as residents of other senior citizen lodges to become more active.

But more than that, according to management board Member Jeannette Vatter, the 20 to 30 minute film is meant to demonstrate how lodges can be more like a home.

Many such lodges or retirement homes can be very institutionalized, she said, and with the film we're trying to show they don't have to be like a hospital or nursing home. "We're trying to show that they can have a home-type atmosphere."

Although no definite outline or production plan is established, Vatter said she hopes the film will involve one or two of the Shangkai members and depict a day-to-day routine showing the communication between the residents, the staff and the management board.

At present, the lodge and board are in contact with the Alberta Educational Communications Corporation (ACCESS) from Edmonton. Vatter said no firm dates have been set to film the production but the board has set a June 34 completion date. She added she hopes the scripting and taping will be under way by March, 1984.

The former town councillor stressed the project has been exclusively organized by the lodge members and that the board has merely laid the ground work.

The money is the second grant the lodge has received from the New Horizons program. According to Byers, the senior citizens' organization received its first grant in 1980 which was used to help establish the programs now in place.

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By Lois Peterson
542-2315
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construction accident
Dec. 5 at Fort McMurray.

Dec. 9 bingo winners were Ben Arcand, two \$5 prizes, Audrey Carriers, Anna Baccourt, Hilda Jordan, Diana Hammond, Louise Price, Susan Wojtowich, Marie Goltz, Linda Goltz, Sophia Zakhonja, Grace

Hammond and Lil Le-
rom.

Bonanza prize winners were Lucille Love, \$15, Rene Hammond, \$12 and Ben Arcand, \$12. Hammond also won the \$16 blackout.

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Bulk Mixed Nuts, 500 g

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Last minute gift ideas suggested

Christmas for some can be an extraordinarily painful time of year, as households of hair are pulled out thinking, "What am I going to get them?"

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The Western Review has endeavored to search high and low for that special Christmas gift. A gift that is a little different, possibly totally useless, but unique in its own right.

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both times, simply by turning two lips together and blowing hard, this tool will not only provide amusement, but add bubble barriers with which to crash through and give clean hair.

For those boring formal parties one has to attend on regular occasions a unique portable and unsplishable glass has been invented. Retailing for \$5.95, this plastic glass, called a sip-stick, with a lid and a long straw, could also be taken to football games, hunting or even fishing.

Not quite a new game on the market, Trivial Pursuit could steer that special person away from the television and Saturday NFL football if allowed to win on the odd occasion. TP as it is more commonly known, retails at various outlets in Dryden Valley at a price between \$25 and \$30.

There is not much you can do with a dead horse but it would give those boring games who plague you on Boxing Day something to talk about. The horse and wagon retail for \$29.95 at Valley Gift and Stationery.

Although your favorite rock, new wave or punk tune may not be available a music box or bank may be the answer for that person who has trouble spending all that money he or she earns. By simply dropping in a coin the music bank will start playing a tune. It can be found at Valley Gift and Stationery for \$29.95.

For that special man who wants nothing and needs nothing the Gold Puka may have the answer. For the little sum of \$60 he may become the proud owner of his own private gold toothpick. The Gold Puka also carries another item which won't produce much of a heat it won't burn any electricity either. The Solar Powered Pumpkin retails for \$200.

If one really wanted to get that special person a gift of a lifetime which would also never get stuck in a sawdust, the Canadian Foremost Commander, available in both six and eight-wheel drive, can be purchased for the tiny sum of approximately \$20,000.

If a person wanted the real version of the Pumpkin in the Window of the Gold Puka, \$30,000 and a trip to a local off-road supply store with a tractor-trailer, would not net one.

If money is no object, the gift of a lifetime would be a protruding eye, gas or water well. A well could be purchased from a number of sources, including Amoco, for between the paltry sums of \$100,000 to \$2 million.

Perhaps one of the best Christmas presents to give that loved one living or working in Yukitukytuk (or any place as a matter of fact) would be a 112 subscription to The Western Review.

Board approves roofing tenders

The County of Parkland Board of Education has selected and approved tenders for the re-roofing of Eldorado Elementary School in Dryden Valley. Proposals have also been heard for a roofing project at Tomahawk Elementary.

Subject to provincial approval, the Eldorado roofing will cost more than \$50,000 which is lower than previously expected, according to the submission at Tuesday's regular board meeting.

The report recommended the board approve a tender from Christensen McLean of \$65,500, which includes a prime cost and contingency sum of \$4,000 each as well as a more than \$10,000 saving using styrofoam insulation rather than fiberglass.

With the credit, the bid became \$55,523, the lowest of the seven bids submitted last fall. The original estimate, taken by the School Buildings Branch of the Alberta Department of Education, suggested the roofing cost could be as high as \$125,100.

According to the county's director of Facility Services George Luck, the lower bid is a reflection of a current trend in lower construction costs being experienced across the country.

Under the Building Quality Restoration Program, the Alberta government will fund 60 per cent of the project, leaving the county to pick up the remainder which according to the proposal should not be more than \$16,000.

Meanwhile, county council also accepted a proposal on roofing repairs at Tomahawk Elementary.

The project there would repair three sections of the school's roof at an estimated cost of \$75,000 to the county and \$39,400 from the province.



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4-H public speaking just 'around the corner'

By Cindy Kwamye
Many things were accomplished at another series meeting of the Tomahawk 4-H Beef Club held in Tomahawk Dec. 15.

A seminar with Bruce Corns at Corns Ranch was discussed. Members decided to attend this session Jan. 26. Members will be able to collect information on record keeping and judging of calves. This date still has to be confirmed with Corns Ranch.

Suggestions were made toward the members for ideas that could possibly be done for the Pioneer's Christmas concert, to be held Dec. 23 at Tomahawk. However, the participants had decided against taking part this year.

Cherringtons cook for camp crew

By Alma Johnson
527-5513
Rick and Shirley Cherrington are cook and camp attendants for a crew of men near Slave Lake. Cecil and Yvonne Dineen and Laura Tui-

ty attended the wedding of Alison Dineen in Calgary recently. Ray and Diane Tui-try, Cliff and Viola attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dineen at Violet Grove Dec. 10.

4-H News

To help celebrate this festive season, the 4-H members will have a toboggan party at Wier George's place Dec. 28.

Just as fast as Christmas is coming, public speaking is around the corner too. Club leaders suggested that if members want to participate in this activity they should start thinking about a topic of their choice to use.

The highlight of the evening was a guest speaker, Ann Gardner, animal health technician, visited the club. She brought with her a videotape explaining what a technician has to do when involved with animals. Some of these things are radiology, surgery and nursing. An interesting talk about diseases was also given, some of which could be found in 4-H calves.

Coming up next month will be more on public speaking, a rope halt demonstration and a calf tour.

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At Kwantles



Andrea Hill is looking to join a 4-H horse club. (photo by Jack Morrison)

Andrea wants to be a 4-H member

Student enjoys horses, math

In the coming year Andrea Hill, a Grade 7 student at H.W. Fekup Junior High School, would like to get involved in a 4-H horse club.

Andrea is trying to save up as much money as possible to buy a horse, but she doesn't know where she'll keep it.

A horse costs anywhere between \$500 and \$1000. Andrea doesn't want just any horse. She said she wants a pinto.

"I like the color of them. They are a really pretty horse."

Even though Andrea has only been out riding four or five times, she is sure she wants to get involved with 4-H.

"Last time I was riding I got a real frisky horse and it took off on me. It was scary, but fun," she said.

At 12 years of age, Andrea already knows what she wants to do for a living when she finishes school.

"I want to be a veterinarian or a marine biologist," she said.

"I know it involves a lot of school, but that's okay. I like school," she added.

At present school is good but it is harder than it used to be, said Andrea. She speculated as a person moves up in grades school gets harder.

When asked if next year was going to be even

harder than this year, she said she will be used to the work by then.

When chosen for student at random, Andrea was in language arts working on spelling. Math, not spelling, is her favorite subject.

"I like math a lot. It has always been my favorite subject," she said.

Unlike Grade 6, students in Grade 7 are allowed to take courses which interest them, called options. The two options Andrea chose were in industrial arts and agriculture. In industrial arts students get to make a variety of different things with leather, plastic, wood and metal, she explained.

In her agriculture class she said she gets to take notes and sometimes the class gets to go out on a field trip.

Andrea is a collector of business cards. To date she has a total of 36 cards.

Her mother works at Block's Food Store and every once in a while gets a person in who gives her a card. Then in turn she gives the card to Andrea, she said.

With New Year's coming Andrea is excited about travelling to Edmonton to visit friends of the family.

In Edmonton the whole family goes out skating and then comes back to sip hot chocolate by the fire. They have been doing this ever since their friends have moved to Edmonton, she said.

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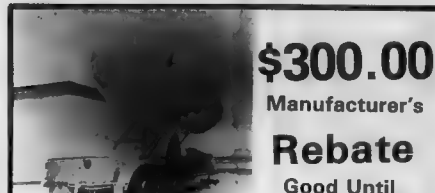
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Modern oilsands processes far from perfect

By John Coleman

When the Syncrude plant in Alberta's oil sands was opened several years ago, 800 Mooney, representing one of the pioneers in the consortium, called it a \$3 billion pilot plant.

Syncrude began producing synthetically processed oil about 10 years after the nearby Great Canadian Oil Sands plant was completed in 1967. GOOS was truly a pilot plant at a cost of \$800 million.

The evolution of technology designed to extract oil from the sandy bitumen began about 100 years ago, but anyone in the business will tell you the processes used today are far from perfect.

In an oil sands mining plant, the first thing you have to do is scrape away the overburden which frequently involves drilling thousands of acres of mining. When the big excavators begin peeling away about 100 feet of primordial soil, the work is done in the winter. During summer the equipment would sink out of sight.

Once the earth's crust is scraped away exposing the bitumen deposits, the oily sands are chewed out of the formation by large bucket-wheelers or buckets on gigantic draglines. The material is either conveyed or trucked to a nearby extraction plant where the sand and the oil are separated by hot water and chemicals.

When the first bucket wheels arrived at the GOOS plant from Germany, their teeth had been perfected on coal and frozen material in many

parts of the world. In the oil sands the teeth must their match.

After only a few hours of clawing at the oil sands, the teeth became red hot and wore out quickly. Operators were frustrated replacing teeth every few hours. Chewing at the oil sands was like chewing carborundum. Engineers have since improved the metallurgical qualities, but the teeth still wear out in a short time.

Once the oil is removed from the sand, there remains hundreds of millions of tons of sand and residue which must be returned to its point of origin.

The logistical problems of a tar sands plant are massive and it is estimated that as high as 95 per cent of the energy generated is used in the mining and separating processes.

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Mistletoe history includes ancient Druids

By Linda Givens

During the Christmas season anyone standing beneath a spray of mistletoe can be blamed. This probably dates back to the ancient Druids who considered the mistletoe a sacred plant and hung sprigs from the ceiling to ward off evil spirits.

Mistletoe is a parasitic evergreen which is found growing on trees in Europe, North America, Australia and Africa. Since it was seldom found growing on oak trees, the Druids of Ancient Britain considered it most valuable when cut from an oak tree. They even used golden knives for this purpose.

Naturally Yours

Mistletoe was used in fertility rites by the Druids and believed to be a good-luck plant for whatever illness might occur.

Early Celtic and Turotic tribes of Northern Europe also considered mistletoe as holy. In their mythology, the God Baldr was killed by an arrow fashioned from mistletoe.

Other plants, animals, metals and poisons had

promised the Queen Frigg that they would never harm Baldr. Mistletoe was shipped because of its smallness and weakness.

An ancient legend prevails in Brittany that the Holy Cross of Jesus was constructed from Mistletoe, after which the plant lost its place and became an insignificant and inferior parasite.

Mistletoe has been included in Pharmacopoeias through the ages. It is still recognized for its beneficial effect on the heart and as being of some value in the treatment of tumors. Its use for years and in some parts of Europe it is still commonly used.

An extract prepared from the leaves of mistletoe can cause powerful uterine contractions, so it has also been used in the treatment of post-natal bleeding.

By Ethel Norquay

High for men in white Dec. 8 was Herb Langer. Low was Richard Clemmer. Dan Nickelson won the clock in the raffle which was donated by Marie Schoop.

For Seniors

High for ladies was Kay Hatch. Herb Langer won men's high play for girls Dec. 10.

while low went to Palmer Olsen.

Six tables were in play for white Dec. 15. High for ladies was then Disney and low was Winnie Martin.

High for men was Ludwig Premstad and low went to Lewis

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Grazing methods improve yields

At the present time there are three or four Savory Grazing Method ranching schemes being used or developed in Alberta from Chin Coules in the south to Buck Lake in the central part of the province.

The Savory Grazing Method is a high intensity short duration grazing management technique, usually associated with a grazing cell where the water and animal handling facilities are located at the hub of from 15 to 45 pie-shaped pastures.

According to Alberta Agriculture's supervisor of range management, Bob Wroe, the Savory Grazing Method, which is being promoted by Savory and Parnoo Ranch Consultants of New Mexico, was developed by Alan Savory. Wroe says a number of Albertans attended the Savory School in New Mexico and set up a cell on their ranches when they returned.

The first principle of the method is that the grazing periods are interspersed with rest periods. To reduce the stress that grazing animals put on forage plants, each grazing period should be short enough to prevent the regrowth of individual plants. The ideal is a grazing period of one to three days which is followed by a rest period of from 30 to 90 days.

However, Wroe points out that research carried out at the federal research station at Mayberry has shown that rotational grazing has a detrimental effect on individual grazing plants.

The second principle is to use a maximum herd size and a maximum stocking density for a minimum time. Savory claims that the action of the hooves of a large herd of cattle breaks the crust on the soil's surface and works the litter into the soil, which improves water penetration and seed germination.

However, a large herd of cattle that is allowed to graze on a particular area for a short period

encourages the uniform use of the pasture and a more uniform fertilization effect from the manure. On the other hand, moving the stock frequently to fresh forage is believed to reduce the deleterious effect of manure piling.

The third principle is that grazing periods must be short as possible during the time that the plants are growing. The theory here is that excessive leaf area reduction, associated with overgrazing, will be avoided.

The fourth principle is that the Savory Grazing Method can be continually developed. Unlike many grazing systems that require a given set of pastures and a predetermined stocking rate, it makes it possible to start at an unsophisticated

level and to develop the system as grazing conditions and finances permit. In other words, there is no minimum or maximum number of fields required and no optimum size of field. More pastures are added as grazing requirements and finances dictate.

Alberta Agriculture staff are monitoring two Savory Grazing Method projects that are being carried out under the Farming for the Future Program. "We hope," says Wroe, "to have an evaluation of this method under Alberta conditions within the next few years. We do not have enough information at this time to either recommend or not recommend the Savory Grazing Method to Alberta ranchers."

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Don't sweep the floor Christmas day no matter how much accumulation or you'll be sweeping friends out of your life and on an account should you carry the garbage out.

Christmas Day should see you in a state of completion. All unfinished works must be stashed away out of sight and nothing new begun unless it can be finished before dark.

And now to get us there, the moon is in Cancer until Dec. 22 and family feelings will surface. Make up with lost family members and plan get-togethers. Go home for Christmas if you can.

Dec. 23 and 24 will be in the regal sign of Leo and this will lend sophistication and style to pre-Christmas parties. Good manners and formal settings are favored.

Ceter to the vanity of others and you will end up on top.

Leo's colors are gold and scarlet and Leo ruins the heart so it's a time for buying gold jewelry on chain, sophisticated sweaters in royal (at the king of beasts) and red and saying all that makes you think of lions and leopards.

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A Farm Wife's Almanac

by Joanne Banger

over-indulge as much as other years. Beauty treatments are the order of the day so everyone should look beautiful for Christmas. Experiment with a bit more color, or tune into Virgo's shades of navy and grey.

This is a sign for writing letters so get thank you notes straight away. It is a showcase sign under which to celebrate Christmas.

Dec. 27 and 28 will enter the party-lover's sign.

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Locals affected by legislation

By Shirley Griep, M.L.A.

Three major acts have been passed recently which may affect the Drayton Valley constituency. The Electoral Boundaries Commission has been established to review electoral boundaries and the number of electors in each constituency.

The commission will make recommendations on constituency boundary changes, which will come into effect prior to the next election. Public submissions will be received.

Tax increases, as introduced in Bill 100, are necessary even though they may not be popular. Eighty-five per cent of the general revenue cannot come from non-renewable resources.

At the same time the government must reassess programs to increase efficiency and services to Albertans.

The Provincial Treasurer increased the Selective Tax reduction which reduces the Alberta tax payable on lower incomes. The rebate and property tax reduction programs have also been left in place. All Albertans with taxable income less than \$9,600 benefit from these tax reductions.

The leader of the opposition, Grant Hooty, had a letter to The Western Review Nov. 30 discussing the vote of Nov. 21 on Bill 100, The Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act. He said in that letter that not one government member voted during the debate.

I would like to refer to the Hansard of Nov. 21 where both Keith Alexander and I also entered the debate. Copies of the Hansard can be obtained from the Legislative Assembly, Edmonton.

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Minister's advisory committee on the construction industry. The committee is charged with a complete review of labour relations.

I believe this legislation is very important because problems cannot be solved unless people communicate. In foreign countries where labour unions are unheard of, wide-ranging management-employee discussions are encouraged, not prohibited.

Secondly, it is important because the democratic right of an employee to determine his future within the company he is working for should be clearly protected.

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Bridge collision hospitalizes five

A two-vehicle head-on collision on the North Saskatchewan bridge at approximately 4 p.m. Dec. 20 sent five people to hospital.
Jim Heighes of High Prairie was travelling westbound when he collided with a vehicle driven by Ken Pedersen of Drayton Valley.
The vehicle driven by Heighes was occupied by Ben Carr of Whitecourt and Jim Volden of Edson while Arnold Zitlan was an occupant of Pedersen's vehicle.
Both Carr and Pedersen were transported to the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton while Heighes and Zitlan were admitted to Drayton Valley General Hospital.
All four suffered severe injuries, said Corporal Tom Turner of the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment.
Volden was treated at the Drayton Valley General Hospital and released.
The RCMP are continuing their investigation.
One day later at 1:00 p.m. two Warburg residents were killed when their vehicle collided with a Canadian Pacific Railway work train.
Donald Kasil and his wife Dorothy were travelling northbound and attempted to cross a level railroad crossing five km east and six km north of Breton.
The train was not derailed in the collision and no other injuries were reported.
The accident is still under investigation, said Mike Kerr, constable with the Breton RCMP detachment.



Firefighters assist at the scene of the head on collision.

[photo by Jack Morrison]

Holiday hours

The January 4 issue of The Western Review will be published as usual. However, due to the New Year's holiday we be closed on Friday, Dec. 30.
We will reopen Monday and deadlines for classified and display advertising will remain at 12 noon of that day.

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Drayton Valley residents were never informed of the possibility of evacuation, the Lodgepole threat inquiry learned Dec. 19.
"We didn't feel at that time (during the blowout) that evacuation of Drayton Valley was very imminent," said Irena (Bob) Dykes, director of Disaster Services for Drayton Valley.
"Did you or anyone to your knowledge advise the people in Drayton Valley in any way, through the media or radio or whatever, that evacuation was only a remote possibility?" asked Raymond Schachter, inquiry counsel.
"I don't believe so, no," answered Dykes.
Dykes told the inquiry board no precaution was taken to advise residents of the possibility so evacuation could be carried out in an orderly and safe fashion.
Even though there had been advertisements published in the local media informing residents to tune into two separate radio stations, in the event the emergency alarm went off, Dykes said he was not satisfied the general population was aware of the procedure.
"We would also use the RCMP or other vehicles to broadcast these warnings as well of where people are to go," he said.
When asked if he could give a realistic

estimate of how long it would take to inform the entire population of the town, Dykes was unable to do so.
"To give you a time element on it, I couldn't right off hand," said Dykes.
With Drayton Valley being in the midst of a sour gas producing area, Dykes told the inquiry board that sour gas escape has a high potential and has priority number one.
The County of Parkland could have been of assistance to Ammon and government agencies, but were infrequently contacted, said Parkland County Police Staff Sergeant Ben Steele Thursday.
Census information compiled by the county, detailing land locations and dwellings, the number of people, ages, children and exactly what school bus they rode on, was never requested, he said.
A number of points regarding the re-orientation of events concerned Steele.
"Firstly, I felt that the county should have been directly involved with Ammon, as the local municipality responsible for those people.
"We weren't informed whatsoever of what their (Ammon's) plan was, or in fact if they had a structure plan," he said.
The inquiry will continue Jan. 30, 1984.

Blowout inquiry to resume